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## NASS RELEASES PRELIMINARY CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE DATA

OLYMPIA, Feb. 3, 2004 - The U. S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released preliminary national and state data from the 2002 Census of Agriculture on Feb. 3 at 12:00 p.m. Pacific time.

Census 2002 preliminary data includes demographic items such as sex of operator, residence on or off the farm, days worked off farm, years present on farm, age group categories, race, and number of persons living in each household. These data are being released during this advance look to provide information to the public as soon as possible.

Washington State Census information is available at <a href="www.nass.usda.gov/wa/precen02.pdf">www.nass.usda.gov/wa/precen02.pdf</a>. The complete series of U.S. and all state tables released are available on the NASS web site at <a href="www.nass.usda.gov/census/">www.nass.usda.gov/census/</a>. Data review is continuing in preparation for the release of complete census data. Therefore, data in this preliminary release are subject to modification when complete census data at the national, state, and county levels are released on June 3, 2004.

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